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SUBJECT: SENGHOR APPLAUDS RESULTS OF OAU SUMMIT

1. SUMMARY: SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR RETURNED HOME CALLING LIBREVILLE OAU SUMMIT BEGINNING OF RENEWED AFRICAN DIALOGUE, AND DESCRIBING SENEGAL'S RESOLUTION ON FOREIGN INTERVENTION AS MEETING'S MOST IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENT. SENGHOR'S SATISFACTION WITH CONFERENCE CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH MOOD OF PESSIMISM OVER AFRICAN DIVISIONS IN WHICH HE HAD RETURNED FROM 1976 OAU SUMMITS. END SUMMARY.

2. RETURNING JULY 5 FROM JOURNEY TO PARIS (FOR DEBATE ON ALEX HALEY'S "ROOTS"), TEHRAN AND LIBREVILLE SUMMIT, SENGHOR PRONOUNCED OAU CONFERENCE A "SUCCESS," AND ASSERTED THAT "TRUE DIALOGUE" HAD BEGUN BETWEEN AFRICAN STATES. IN AIRPORT ARRIVAL REMARKS, HE TOOK SATISFACTION IN ABSENCE OF "FRICTION" BETWEEN "SO-CALLED REVOLUTIONARY OR PROGRESSIVE STATES AND THE SO-CALLED MODERATES." SENGHOR SAID THAT, IN CONVERSATION  
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AT END OF SUMMIT, HE AND ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE HAD NOTED TOGETHER THAT THERE WERE "CONTRADICTIONS" IN AFRICA, BUT CALLED THEM "SIGN OF LIFE." SENGHOR LOOKED FORWARD TO "GOING BEYOND THESE CONTRADICTIONS" WITH CONTINUING INTRA-AFRICAN DIALOGUE.

LEM DIVIDING CONFERENCE'S CONCERNS INTO PROBLEMS OF

DECOLONIZATION AND THOSE OF "INTERNAL CONFLICTS BETWEEN AFRICAN STATES," SENGHOR SKIPPED RAPIDLY OVER FORMER QUESTION, NOTING THAT HE HAD HAD REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS FROM ALL THREE ZIMBABWE LIBERATION FACTIONS, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING TALKS HE HAD HELD WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT CO-LEADER NKOMO AND SWAPO LEADER NUJOMA.

4. SENGHOR FELT SUMMIT'S "MOST IMPORTANT DEBATE" WAS ON SENEGAL'S RESOLUTION CONDEMNING FOREIGN INTERVENTION. HE SAID HE HAD ASSURED BOUMEDIENNE BEFOREHAND THAT RESOLUTION APPLIED TO ALL STATES, "EVEN THE SVIET UNION, EVEN FRANCE." SENGHOR RECALLED THAT, AT TIME OF ATTEMPTED COUP IN SENEGAL IN 1962, HE HAD DECLINED TO APPEAL FOR FRENCH INTERVENTION. SENGHOR ALSO MENTIONED HIS ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO SENEGALESE RESOLUTION BY LIBYA (CONDEMNING FOREIGN BASES) AND GUINEA (CONDEMNING STATES MAINTAINING OPPONENTS OF OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THEIR BORDERS).

5. SENGHOR SPOKE OF RECOGNIZING SENEGAL'S "RESPONSIBILITY" TO HELP RESOLVE DISPUTES BETWEEN AFRICAN STATES, NOTED ITS MEMBERSHIP IN LIBYA-CHAD AND ETHIOPIA-SUDAN COMMITTEES SET UP BY SUMMIT AND REMARKED THAT SENEGAL WAS "READY TO BE PART OF THE MOST DIFFICULT COMMITTEES."

6. JULY 6 MEETING OF POLITICAL BUREAU OF GOVERNING PARTI  
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SOCIALISTE CONGRATULATED SENGHOR ON HIS "DETERMINANT ACTION" AT LIBREVILLE AND TOOK SATISFACTION WITH "INCREASINGLY LEADINGIJOI" SENEGAL WAS PLAYING IN "BRINGING PEOPLES TOGETHER."

7. COMMENT: SENGHOR'S SATISFACTION WITH HIS EFFORTS IN LIBREVILLE (SEE ALSO DAKAR 4639) AND HIS OBVIOUS EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE INTRA-AFRICAN DIFFERENCES CONTRAST DRAMATICALLY WITH MOOD OF PESSIMISM OVER AFRICAN DIVISIONS IN WHICH HE RETURNED FROM 1976 OAU SUMMITS. APPROVAL OF SENEGALESE-ORIGINATED RESOLUTION ON INTERVENTION, VINDICATION OF SENEGALESE POSITION ON SPORTS BOYCOTTS (LIBREVILLE 1660 AND 1690), SELECTION TO NEW OAU COMMITTEES, SUPPORT ON MAYOTTE FOR COMORAN GOVERNMENT (WHOSE INTERESTS SENEGAL OFFICIALLY REPRESENTS AROUND THE WORLD), AND GENERAL MODERATING OF AFRICAN DIVISIONS AT MINISTERIAL AND SUMMIT ARE UNDOUBTEDLY SOURCES OF DEEP SATISFACTION TO SENGHOR. HOWEVER, SENEGAL'S RESOLUTION ON FOREIGN INTER-FERENCE, AS AMENDED, EVIDENTLY LENDS ITSELF TO WIDELY DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS; SENGHOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF LIBYAN AND GUINEAN AMENDMENTS HE DESCRIBED REFLECTS SENEGALESE VIEW THAT 1,500 FRENCH MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SENEGAL DO NOT

CONSTITUTE FOREIGN "BASE," AND POSITION THAT OPPOSITION  
TO SEKOU TOURE IS NOT BEING MOUNTED IN SENEGAL, DESPITE  
PRESENCE OF THOUSANDS OF EXPATRIATED GUINEANS.  
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